

The police have also made a report to the higher authorities. ನಮಗೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಲಿಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಮೇಲ್ಮಟ್ಟ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ವರದಿಯ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದು ನಾನು ತಿಳಿದಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಇಷ್ಟು ದೂರ ರಾಜಕೀಯ ಮುಖಂಡರುಗಳು ಅಡಚಣೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ ನಾನಂತೂ ಅಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಆಗಾಗ್ಗೆ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದೆ. ಮೊನ್ನೆಯ ದಿವಸ ನಾನು ಹಬ್ಬಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋದಾಗ ಈ ವಿಷಯ ಗೊತ್ತಾಯಿತು, ನಾನಂತೂ ಈ ವಿಷಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇಂಟರ್‌ವೀಸ್ ಆಗುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಜಮೀನು ಸೋಡಲಿಕ್ಕೆ ಏನಾದರೂ ಊರಿಗೆ ಹೋದರೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಹೋಗುತ್ತೇನೆ, ಅಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಜಕೀಯ ಮುಖಂಡರುಗಳು ಯಾರಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಅವರು ಅಲ್ಲಿಯ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ನಿಷ್ಪಕ್ಷಪಾತವಾಗಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಲಿಕ್ಕೆ ಬಿಡದೆ ಅಡಚಣೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತಮಗೆ ಏನು ವರದಿ ಬಂದಿದೆ ಅದನ್ನೂ ಸಭೆಗೆ ಕೊಡಬೇಕು ಅನಾವಶ್ಯಕವಾಗಿ ನಾನು ಯಾರ ಮೇಲೂ ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ತಯಾರಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದರೆ ಕೆಳಮಟ್ಟಕ್ಕೆ ನಾನು ಇಳಿಯುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಈ ರೀತಿಯಾಗಿ ಕೊಲೆಯಾಕರಕ್ಕೆ ಕೇಸ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಜಕೀಯ ಶಕ್ತಿಗಳು ಪ್ರವೇಶ ಮಾಡತಕ್ಕ ಕೆಳಮಟ್ಟಕ್ಕೆ ಇಳಿದಿದ್ದರೆ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ತಾವು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡಬಾರದು. ತಾವು ನಾಳೆಯ ದಿವಸ ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಟ್ಟ ಮೇಲೆ ನನಗೇನಾದರೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಬೇಕಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಎಂತೆ ಕ್ಲಾರಿಫಿಕೇಷನ್ಸ್ ಕೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ದೇವರಾಜ ಅರಸ್.— ನಾನು ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ವರದಿಯನ್ನು ತರಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇನೆ. On receipt of the Report, it will be possible to clear any doubt of the Hon'ble Member. The opinion of the hon. member that he was harboured is not correct. The Government did not know it even.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಡಿ. ದೇವೇಗೌಡ.— ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಈ ವಿಷಯ ಗೊತ್ತೇ ಇಲ್ಲ, ನಾನು ರಾಜಕೀಯ ಮುಖಂಡರು ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಅಡಚಣೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದು ಅಷ್ಟೇ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇನೆಯೇ ಹೊರತು ಯಾವ ರಾಜಕೀಯ ಪಕ್ಷದವರು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿಲ್ಲ. ಅಲ್ಲಿಯ ರಾಜಕೀಯ ಮುಖಂಡರ ಪ್ರಭಾವ ದಿಂದ ಈ ರೀತಿಯಾದ ಅಡಚಣೆ ಆಗುತ್ತಿದೆಯೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ದೇವರಾಜ ಅರಸ್.— ಶ್ರೀಮನ್ ಬೊಮ್ಮಾಯಿಯವರು ಹಾಗೂ ದೇವೇಗೌಡರು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿದೆ. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಬೊಮ್ಮಾಯಿಯವರು ಕೋರ್ಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ವಾದ ಮಾಡುವ ಹಾಗೆ ಮಾತನಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಆರ್. ಬೊಮ್ಮಾಯಿ.— ಕೋರ್ಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳುವುದು ಫೀಸ್ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ದೇವರಾಜ ಅರಸ್.— ಹೇಗಾದರೂ ಆಗಲೀ, ನಾಳೀ ಎರಡು ತರಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ, ನಾಡಿದ್ದು ಸಭೆಗೆ ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

(ii) *Breach of bund of waste weir tank of the Indian Aluminium Tank, Belgaum.*

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.— I call the attention of the Minister for Health and Family Welfare to the breach of Bund of Waste weir tank of the Indian Aluminium Tank, Belgaum and heavy loss caused to the lands and crops of the Agriculturists of Goundwad, Kakati and the Yamanapur Villages in Belgaum Taluk due to flow of polluted water from the tank.

SRI M. MALLAPPA (Minister for Health).— I make the following statement.

On 13th September 1979 at about 4-45 A. M. a breach of the red mud pond was noticed by the security staff of the Factory.

The said pond is constructed by M/s. Indian Aluminium Co., Ltd., to contain the effluent from the processing of aluminium and is not allowed to flow anywhere outside the Factory premises

It was estimated that a pond of this type could normally last for a period of about 8 to 10 years and thereafter a new pond would be constructed. Soon after the receipt of the information on 15-9-1979, a team of officers of the Prevention of Water Pollution Board headed by the Chairman visited the factory site to assess the water pollution problem that might have caused. It was noticed that almost entire contents of the red mud pond had flown out and that they were being prevented from taking up the repair works by the affected people. The flow had crossed over the National Highway over flowing the agricultural lands and finally found its way through water course to the Markandeya river. It was estimated that about 500 acres of the land was affected by this over flow and there were also standing crops. The Deputy Commissioner has already taken action to assess the damage caused to the land. Action has also been taken to send the Soil samples and effluents to the Agricultural Department for Chemical Examination in order to have the basis for assessing the damage. Necessary action was also taken by the police, to regularise the traffic on the National Highway both at the time of over flowing of water and subsequently. Necessary action was also taken by the police to inform the concerned Villagers about the breach and also to take precautionary measures for not consuming river water for some time. The Officers of the Board have examined the stored affluent of the red mud pond and found that it has high PH of 10.5 and there is presence of Sodium Hydroxide and flouride. A considerable quantity of about 78 Million gallons of elluent has flown down into the water course and the river. As there was rain immediately after the breach both on 14th and 15th September 1979 considerable leaching and dilution of the over flown red mud pond water had taken place in the water course as well as in the Markendaya river, It is ascertained that the normal condition with regard to flowing water have been resumed and the people are using the flowing water as usual in the river. Detailed instructions have been issued to the Factory authorities to immediately repair the breach and to see that not a drop of effluent water over flown into the water course, and a series of monitoring points both near the bund and upto 1 Km. down stream of the Markandeya river from the road bridge on the National Highway have been fixed to be monitored for the PH and alkali contents of the water. The Factory authorities have assured to complete the bund work within a month and has also promised to prevent flowing of

any effluent water outside the premises. The Factory authorities have also been cautioned to be extra careful in these matters in future.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.— Sir, this is a tank constructed about 8 years ago. 5 years after the construction, this tank breached twice and there was a heavy loss to the crop. According to the statement, more than five hundred acres of land wherein the paddy and sugar cane were standing have been destroyed. According to the Government's opinion, there will not be any crop on this land for another 3 years on account of this polluted water and also on account of slurry that has covered the area. The Aluminium Company is earning a huge profit every year. The Government should see that adequate compensation is given to the agriculturists and while doing so, they must take into consideration the 3 years period during which no crop is grown on the land.

SRI M. MALLAPPA.— We have the report that standing crop has been destroyed. The Deputy Commissioner has appointed the Assistant Commissioner to enquire into the matter. He will have to determine the area that has been affected by this pollution and the revenue Authorities are of the opinion that about 500 to 600 acres have been destroyed. Some other people are saying that the destruction of the land is only to the extent of 300 to 400 acres. After the determination of the loss, the Government will direct the company to pay compensation. The damage will have to be ascertained and the compensation will have to be determined. The loss will be made good to the agriculturists.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.— The Forest Department has given land to the Aluminium Company to construct the tank for this water. When that is the position, why should they not be directed to shift the tank to the forest land? Let the Government direct them to do so.

SRI M. MALLAPPA.— That will be considered.

5-00 P.M.

SRI P. A. PAWASHE.— Madam Speaker, the present tank has been constructed at a higher level. Water percolates into the drinking water and pollutes it. Crops are also damaged every year. The factory has acquired about 300 acres. I want to know whether the Government, taking into consideration all these factors, direct the factory to shift the tank to that area, which they have acquired.

SRI M. MALLAPPA.— Government will consider all the aspects and will take prompt action to see that further pollution of drinking water does not take place. All action will be taken to prevent pollution of drinking water etc.